

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8-15 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Applicants' undersigned attorney and the Examiner have consulted regarding the art on record cited against these claims and, pursuant to these discussions, Applicants hereby present further amendments designed to clarify the patentable differences between the cited art and the presently claimed invention. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the time and effort expended on this case and the many courtesies extended all throughout, submits that the claims as presently amended are novel, non-obvious, and patentable over the art on record, and respectfully urges the Examiner to kindly reconsider and pass all claims to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

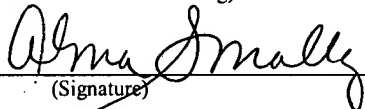
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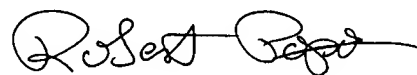


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